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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: EAID, EIND, UNIDO, PLO  
SUBJECT: UNIDO PERMANENT COMMITTEE, TENTH SESSION - TECH-  
- NICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED UNDER PC-X AGENDA ITEM 4 A  
NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENTITLED, "TECHNICAL ASSIS-  
TANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" (DOCUMENT ID/B/C.3/66  
DATED 30 MARCH 1978). DOCUMENT STATES THAT PURSUANT TO  
ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS 2026 (LXI), 4 AUGUST 1976, AND 2100  
(LXIII), 3 AUGUST 1977, UNIDO HAS ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH  
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) REP IN VIENNA  
"TO ASCERTAIN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF THE PALES-  
TINIAN PEOPLE IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT" AND  
HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN REQUEST FOR:

SIX FELLOWSHIPS FOR SIX MONTHS EACH IN THE VARIOUS  
FIELDS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT;

PARTICIPATION OF PLO IN IN-PLANT TRAINING COURSES AND  
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TECHNICAL MEETINGS;

SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES IN THE WEST BANK OF  
JORDAN AND THE GAZA STRIP. THE SURVEY SHOULD COVER THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY FROM 1966 TILL THE PRESENT  
TIME, AND INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE  
SURVEY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY FIVE EXPERTS FOR A PER-

IOD OF SIX MONTHS.

UNIDO HAS INVITED PLO TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR SIX FELLOW-SHIPS AND CANDIDATES FOR TWO TRAINING COURSES TO BE HELD IN GDR AND YUGOSLAVIA DURING 1978. DOCUMENT SAYS UNIDO ATTEMPTED "DESK STUDY" ON MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES IN WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP BUT "UP-TO-DATE AND USEFUL MATERIAL ON THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION FOR THE PERIOD 1966-1977 IS NOT AVAILABLE. EFFORTS....CONTINUE".

2. ISRAELI PERMREP (AVIVI) HAS APPROACHED THIS MISSION TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE, AND REQUEST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE ARGUES:(A) ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS, THAT ONLY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) CAN AUTHORIZE ACTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS AND THAT SECRETARIAT EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY BY TAKING INITIATIVE WITHOUT IDB APPROVAL; AND (B) ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, THAT PLO IS NOT A COUNTRY AND HAS NOTHING TO INDUSTRIALIZE AND THAT, WHATEVER THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP MAY BE, NONE OF PARTIES TO PRESENT DISCUSSIONS ENVISAGES PLO AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. AVIVI ASSERTS FIRMLY THAT UNIDO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CARRY OUT REQUESTED INVESTIGATIONS IN WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP. AVIVI SAID HE INTENDS TO PREPARE A STATEMENT OF ISRAEL'S POSITION ON THIS DOCUMENT, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT WITH U.S. MISSION BEFORE HE DECIDES TO CIRCULATE. CONFIDENTIAL

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LATE IT TO IDB. (ISRAEL IS NOT A MEMBER OF IDB.) WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE SEEKING GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON.

3. DURING GROUP B REVIEW OF PC-X DOCUMENTATION, NONE OF MEMBERS WAS ABLE TO COMMENT ON THIS "POLITICAL" ISSUE PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: MISSION NOTES THAT, ACCORDING TO STATE 285771, NOVEMBER 20, 1976 U.S. VOTED AGAINST ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2026 "BECAUSE OF THE ROLE PROPOSED FOR THE PLO". OUR FILES DO NOT REVEAL WHAT POSITION USG TOOK ON RESOLUTION 2100.

5. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN TEXTS OF ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS 2026 AND 2100, AVIVI'S ARGUMENT THAT SECRETARIAT EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY APPEARS TO HAVE MERIT. IN FACT, AT IDB-XII IN MAY 1977, UNIDO SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED AN INFORMATION PAPER REFERRING TO RESOLUTION 2026 AND STATING THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR SUBMISSION TO IDB. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS NOT REPEAT NOT SUBMITTED PROPOSALS BUT IS SIMPLY NOTIFYING IDB OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE.

6. IDB HAS GENERALLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN AVOIDING POLITICAL POLEMICS, BUT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DO IN THIS CASE. IN DEVELOPING U.S. POSITION PAPER SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO:

(A) HOW USG VIEWS PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF UNIDO'S ACTIONS;

(B) WHAT DEGREE OF INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP U.S. DEL SHOULD TAKE IN DEBATE;

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(C) WHAT U.S. DEL SHOULD DO IF ISSUE IS FORCED TO A VOTE.

EARLY INDICATION OF WASHINGTON THINKING WOULD BE HELPFUL IN RESPONDING TO ISRAELI PERMREP'S DESIRE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND IN CORR DINATING WITH OTHER IDB MEMBERS, AS APPROPRIATE. LEARY

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